

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE February 8, 1961

Full Name Thouin, Robert H.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address _____

City Bridgeport State Connecticut

Age 35 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Protestant Nationality _____

Occupation District Scout Executive

Education College Graduate

Weight 208 Color W Height 5'5 3/4"

Color of hair Dark Color of eyes Dark

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
F.S.E.	Bridgeport	Connecticut		11/53	1/56
D.S.E.	"	"		1/56	1/61
Special recognition			Eagle		

File for following reasons:



Signed E. G. Warner
Scout Executive

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April 6, 1961

Mrs. Hector Thoupin
42 Elm Terrace
Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Thoupin:

We regret very much that you have had this experience concerning your son Robert. We have the report from the local and regional offices, and a copy of the daily newspapers of January 23 which gives the story. We extremely regret this happening, but since it was handled in the local courts, there just isn't anything we can do about it.

Sincerely yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey
Director of Registration

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a letter which Robert had to sign. Several weeks later Robert who had been ill from shock told me he never would have signed there had he been in his right mind. he didn't even remember the contents of the letter. It took some time to finally get to start Robert at the Springfield Clinic after preliminaries etc. Mr. Clark a psychiatric doctor told Robert he was not guilty. It was Mr. Warner who had not done his duty. Robert was in such

Northampton Mass

Boy Scouts of America

I fear Sirs or to whom it may concern —

In Jan 22-'61 I had a phone call from Chief Executive G.E. Warner of Northampton to produce \$500.00 bail as my son Asst Ex Robert Thonin had been arrested while camping overnight with Troop 114 of Northampton. Next day he was charged with felony in the

Hampshire County Court in Northampton
After I had Robert out on bail from State
Police Barracks. Mr Warner informed
me he didn't want to help Robert as
he was afraid to lose his job with the
B.S.P. A friend of his Lawyer Morse had
been brought to jail to see Robert the
Scott lawyer Oscar Grife who is
also district atty here was there he
would not listen to Robert's story telling
Robert. He couldn't as he would be on the
opposite side if a case was made
of this. After Robert arrived home I wanted
to call a doctor for him Mr Warner who
was here said it was not necessary
that Robert should eat he had not eaten
all that day and should go at once to
see Lawyer Morse. Then the Methodist
minister was sent here and he promised
to appear in court on the next day which
he did but Mr Warner did not. On
Tuesday Mr Warner came here with
an already typed resignation and

How soon this happened we
were all there and Robert wasn't
doing a thing. we were all in
sleeping bags trying to get some sleep
and when the police came in
told the truth and then little bit
got away with his story. It was
almost 2 months till Robert
could tell this story then he told
it to a N.Y. State Detective ^{city} office
and myself. I'm sure Robert
wants nothing from Scouts but
I feel these charges should be
looked into and Robert shouldn't
have to keep running all his life
because of this. Most sincerely

Robert's mother Mrs. Hector Thorne

a poor condition he remembered
nothing and as Mr. Warner
had told him never to phone
or speak to him again it made
matters worse. Before a month
was up I asked Robert about
his insurance and we phoned
the Metropolitan Agent here where
he came and investigated he
found nothing had been done
at the Scout Office even Robert's
Private insurance book had to
be produced and Robert finally
was able to save his insurance.
Also Robert had to make a phone

Call at the Scout Offices in New Jersey
to get some action on collecting his
pension This was on Feb 24 more than
a month after all this happened.

Robert went to look for work and for
sometime nothing could be had as
the spread the papers had given this
case has almost ruined him.

After working to acquire enough
money for a College Education at
Springfield College to earn his Bachelor
of Science degree he went to Schuff

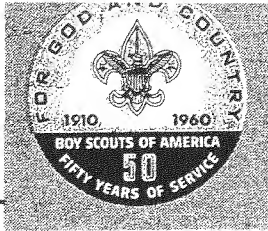
School worked at Bridgeport B.S.A.
4 years - then Mr. Warner tried a year in succession
to get Robert here Robert was underpaid
overworked until he had a complete
nervous breakdown all because a
little boy of 12 evidently oversexed tried
to ruin Robert. When Robert woke up he went
out in 25 to 30 below zero weather to look
for a supposedly lost boy who had gone
to the latrine when he returned he was faced
with the State Police There were a dozen
or more boys there who told me later

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The answer to this letter should be
mailed to my name Mrs Hector Thorne
of my eldest son Wesley J. Thorne
42 Elm Terrace
Manchester Conn.

P.S. I feel it is the best thing to do to
notify the B.S.A. to see what can be done
if nothing comes of this later other charges
will be instituted to clear Robert's name
He has never deserved to be hurt in this
manner. Mrs. Hector Thorne



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL • NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

February 8, 1961

Mr. E. G. Warner, Scout Executive
Hampshire Franklin Council, No. 235
38 Gothic Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert H. Thouin

Dear Mr. Warner:

I want to thank you for the very complete report you sent on Robert Thouin. It is unfortunate that this was necessary, but you leave nothing to doubt with the procedure you followed. We have been able to complete the Confidential Record Sheet from his Professional Record which provided the description we need.

If possible, we would like to have a copy of the statement the boy made concerning Mr. Thouin. It is not important enough for you to go to extra trouble to get it, but we like to have such things in our file just in case we need it for support in the future. You can assure the parents and the police, that these statements are kept under lock and key and are never shared with anyone. It just makes our case stronger. If this is not available and you had a talk with the boy, you might in your own words, tell us what happened. Please send it to me in the enclosed confidential envelope.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

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Basil F. Starkey
Director of Registration

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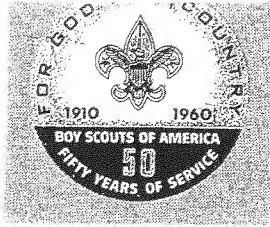
Feb. 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Starkey: According to statements made by both Mr. Thouin and the boy - Mr. Thouin placed his hand on the boys underwear superimposed over his penis. The boy resisted, stated that he was going to the latrine and proceeded from there to the nearest farm house where he called his mother and the police. You have the rest of the report in detail,

E. G. Warner
Scout Executive

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HAMPSHIRE-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
38 Gothic St., Northampton, Mass.

FEB 8 9 09 AM '61
January 31, 1961

Mr. M. G. Clark
Regional Scout Executive
Region One
Boy Scouts of America
80 Federal St.
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Clark:

According to the advice of Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul, I am sending the enclosed material to you. Please forward a copy to Mr. Delmar H. Wilson, Director of the Personnel Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

I have delayed sending this to you until Mr. Sproul meets with our Executive Board on the evening of 1/30/61.

The enclosed newspaper clipping is correct in stating the charge and sentence given former District Scout Executive, Robert H. Thouin, in the District Court in Northampton, Mass., on the morning of January 23, 1961.

Troop 114 sponsored by the Methodist Church of Northampton, was camping in the Troop Lodge at Camp Chesterfield (the council camp) January 21, and 22, 1961. Ten members of the Troop were led by a Scoutmaster and Robert Thouin who is a member of this church.

The incident occurred when almost everyone was asleep at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The boy involved dressed and went to the outdoor latrine and failed to return.

The temperature was about 20 degrees below and Mr. Thouin alarmed at the boy's disappearance went to the nearest farmhouse and made phone calls in the following order:

1. State Police
2. Scout Executive
3. Boy's Mother

The boy in the meantime went to another farmhouse and phoned his mother and the police. The boy made his accusation to the State Police and was taken home by his mother.

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The Scout Executive reached camp in time to cooperate with the State Police in interviewing the nine other boys and the two leaders.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday the Scout Executive brought Robert Thouin to Council Attorney, Oscar Grife, for advice. He advised Mr. Thouin to secure his counsel immediately.

The Scout Executive brought Mr. Thouin to a lawyer, who was a member of his church, and accompanied them to the State Police Barracks where upon advice of his lawyer, Mr. Thouin gave them a completely honest account of the incident.

The Scout Executive then notified Mrs. Thouin (Robert's Mother) who arranged for his bail.

The Scout Executive then notified Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul and Council President, Eric Stahlberg, Jr. This was followed by several meetings.

Sunday night:

Meeting of Council President and Scout Executive with the council attorney.

Meeting of Council President and Scout Executive with the Scoutmaster of Troop 114 and the Dad who accompanied the Scouts on the winter camp.

Monday - January 23:

9:00 a.m. - Case tried in District Court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul met with Council attorney, Council President and Scout Executive.

6:00 p.m. - Dinner meeting of Robert Sproul and Scout Executive Warner.

Tuesday - January 24:

4:30 p.m. - Secured resignation of District Scout Executive, Robert H. Thouin and also signed request for refund of his past payments for retirement.

8:30 p.m. - Scout Executive accompanied by Scout Commissioner, Robert Young met with Troop Committee and Scoutmaster of Troop 114.

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Monday - January 30:

8:00 p.m. - Special meeting of Executive Board. Resignation of Robert H. Thouin accepted. A Selection Committee was appointed to interview candidates for the position of District Scout Executive. This meeting was attended by Council Attorney, Oscar Grife, and Deputy Regional Executive, Robert Sproul. Mr. Sproul will report personally on the action taken, to Regional Scout Executive, M. G. Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Boy Scouts of America

E. G. Warner

E. G. Warner
Scout Executive

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Enc.

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1378 Westhampton Rd.
Easthampton, Mass.
January 23, 1961

To the Executive Board
Hampshire-Franklin Council, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America

Gentlemen:

Please accept my resignation as
Hampshire District Scout Executive, to
become effective immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Thoun

Robert H. Thoun



ROBERT H. THOUN
HAS DUTY QUALIFIED AND IS REGISTERED WITH
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DISTRICT SCOUT EXECUTIVE

HAMPSHIRE-FRANKLIN COUNCIL

TO THE LAST DAY OF

DECEMBER 1961

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IN
WITNESS WHEREOF ITS SEAL IS HERETO AFFIXED



Joseph D. Buntz Jr.
CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Edward J. Agnew
PRESIDENT

1378 Westhampton Rd.
Easthampton, Mass.
January 23, 1961

Mr. Delmar H. Wilson
Director
Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please find attached a copy of my resignation from the position of District Scout Executive of the Hampshire-Franklin Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Circumstances will not permit me to re-register as a Scouter in any capacity in the future.

I have stopped paying in the Retirement Plan as of January 23, 1961 and according to Option A, as listed in the Retirement Plan booklet on page 30, I would like to receive back all the money I paid into the Plan.

I was employed at the Pomperaug Council in Bridgeport, Connecticut from October 2, 1953 to October 15, 1957. I was employed with the Hampshire-Franklin Council from October 16, 1957 to January 23, 1961.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Thouin
Robert H. Thouin

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BOY SCOUT
LEADER IN
HAMP COURT

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Scout Executive Handed Suspended 5-Month Term

14. The first of our children was
 a sister, and she was born
 when I was in my 20th year.
 Her name was Mary Ann,
 and she was born on the 1st
 of the month of January, 1840.
 She was a very beautiful
 child, and she was very
 intelligent. She was a
 very good girl, and she
 was a very good friend
 to me. She was a very
 good girl, and she was a
 very good friend to me.

Robert H. Thelma, 55, Geary
Suspended Term: Anna
Thelma, 55, Geary

ORANGE COUNTY, N. C., Sept. 10. —
 The annual convention of the Orange
 County Agricultural Society was held
 at the Orange Hotel, last evening, and
 was attended by a large number of
 the members of the society. The
 convention was opened by the
 reading of the constitution, and
 the election of officers for the year
 1900. The following officers were
 elected: President, J. H. Smith; Vice-
 President, J. H. Smith; Secretary,
 J. H. Smith; Treasurer, J. H. Smith.
 The convention adjourned until
 next year.

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On Monday, October 1, 1968, the case was assigned to the bench by Amy Monroe and Trooper Aske. Aske explained that a suspended judgment might prove beneficial in the case of a youth who had not been performing well in school.

Previously, Thoms had been listed as a delinquent, and a camp placement decision of the Boy Scout Council (Thoms's BSA Troop) was made regarding Thoms's status there at the time of the incident. Assault on the boy elicited no explanation.

Thoms has been near the top of the Scout organization, however, and has been given prominent positions of leadership. As a result, he has been a